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Co-operative Production

The second Principle 5 pamphlet is now available. It has not been in print since Edward Carpenter delivered his lecture in 1883 at the **Sheffield Hall of Science** on Rockingham Street. In that year it was published as a pamphlet by John Heywood in Manchester. Carpenter's message remains as potent today as it was in the 19th century.

You can read a review of the pamphlet on the Independent Labour Publications (ILP) website

<https://www.independentlabour.org.uk/2021/10/08/carpenters-long-lost-co-op-pamphlet-re-published/>

If you would like a copy of
Co-operative Production
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The price is £2.00

The Sheffield Hall of Science

The Sheffield Hall of Science was opened by Robert Owen on March 17, 1839. It reflected the independent working-class spirit that was the essence of both Chartism and Owenism. The opening announcement in the Sheffield newspapers stated that the 'new and handsome building in Rockingham Street was to be used by the Socialists for the exposition of their views' and many of the early lectures were devoted to 'developing the principles on which to establish home colonies', an early form of co-operation. It was a place of education, fostering self reliance, solidarity and mutual support.

George Jacob Holyoake was appointed as lecturer at the Sheffield Hall of Science by the Socialist Congress which met in Manchester in 1841. He considered the care of the pupils an important aspect of his work in Sheffield and paid an assistant teacher, Thomas Paterson, out of his own somewhat meagre remuneration. Holyoake was appointed 'social missionary' to Sheffield for Owen's 'Universal Community of Rational Religionists'.

The spirit of fearless enquiry was deliberately cultivated in the Sheffield Hall of Science, and it is significant that its supporters constantly encouraged individuals and organisations publicly to challenge Owenite principles where they fell short.

The Sheffield Hall of Science functioned as an Owenite establishment for only a decade or so. But

after that, it continued to be a place of education where radical speakers like Edward Carpenter attracted a big following.

Sadly, it was demolished long ago. The Halls of Science in Liverpool and Huddersfield however are still standing but now used for other purposes.

To read a detailed article about The Sheffield Hall of Science see:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/03057876080000141>

And

<https://www.mayhematics.com/b/hallsofscience.htm>

Manchester Hall of Science

<https://radicalmanchester.wordpress.com/2009/10/29/the-hall-of-science/#:~:text=Opened%20in%201840%20by%20the,set%20up%20Co%2Doperative%20enterprises.>

For anyone interested in George Jacob Holyoake as a pioneer of Secularism, there is an excellent book available 'Inventing Secularism' by Ray Argyle

<https://www.collectionbooks.net/pdf/inventing-secularism>

also of interest:

<https://www.secularism.org.uk/george-jacob-holyoake.html>

How Preston took back control and how your town can too
Paint Your Town Red
by

Matthew Brown & Rhian E Jones
Published by Repeater Books in 2021

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‘This is a book about Community Wealth Building. It tells the Preston story, but makes clear that there is no ‘one size fits all’ blueprint that can be easily replicated elsewhere. Instead, it demonstrates how local communities, movements, businesses and organisations can develop their own strategies to address their own situations’.

Quotation from Page 2 of Paint Your Town Red

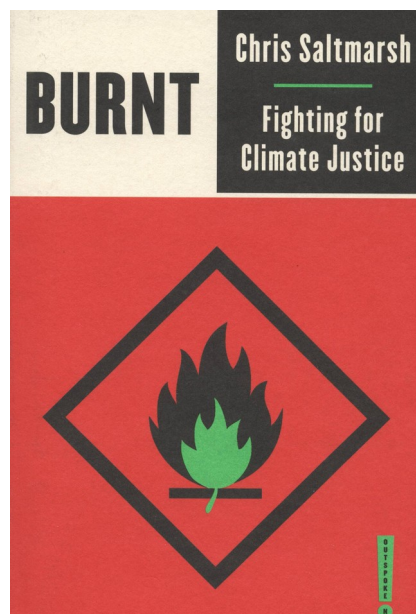
In *The Case for Community Wealth Building* (2020) Joe Guinan and Martin O’Neil give the following working definition of the term:

“Community wealth-building is a local economic development strategy focussed on building collaborative, inclusive, sustainable, and democratically controlled local economies. Instead of traditional economic development through local tax incentives, outsourcing, and public-private partnerships, which wastes billions to subsidise the extraction of profit, often by footloose multinational corporations with no loyalty to local communities, Community wealth-building supports democratic collective ownership of the local economy through a range of institutions and policies. These include worker cooperatives, community land trusts, community development financial institutions, so-called ‘anchor institution’ procurement strategies, municipal and local public enterprises, and public and community banking”.



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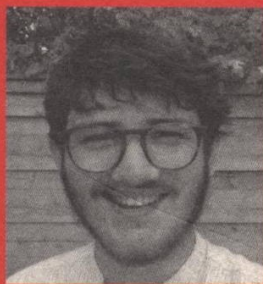
'A brilliantly readable analysis of the capitalist roots of climate breakdown, and an inspiring rallying cry to work together to build a just, ecosocialist future' **Grace Blakeley, author of *The Corona Crash***

'This rousing book demonstrates that by joining in solidarity with others fighting for a new society, we can remake the world for everyone rather than just the wealthy few' **Ashley Dawson, author of *People's Power: Reclaiming the Energy Commons***

Time is up. The climate crisis is no longer a future to be feared, but a devastating reality.

The task ahead of us is daunting, but the emergence of a new wave of movements focused on climate justice, equality and solidarity also brings hope.

Analysing the failures of NGOs, the limitations of Extinction Rebellion and Youth Strikes, the role of trade unions, and the possibilities of a Green New Deal, *Burnt* issues a powerful call for a radical collective movement: saving the world is not enough; we must build a better one in the process.



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HERE

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